

Amendments To Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for defense against an unwanted communication, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

identifying a communication channel to a beneficiary of the unwanted communication;

striking back against the beneficiary by sending a communication via the communication channel to the beneficiary ~~such that the communication imposes a cost to the beneficiary.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ sending a communication via the communication channel to the beneficiary comprises ~~the step of~~ sending a communication via the communication channel that includes a request that the beneficiary cease further unwanted communications to a recipient of the unwanted communication.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ sending a communication via the communication channel to the beneficiary comprises ~~is performed~~ repeatedly sending the communication in accordance with a set of strike back parameters.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising ~~the step of~~ adjusting ~~the cost~~ a cost imposed on the beneficiary with the communication by adjusting the strike back parameters.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ identifying comprises ~~the step of~~ identifying a ~~communication~~ money input channel used by the beneficiary to

obtain a benefit.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of identifying comprises the step of~~ calling a phone number contained in the unwanted communication.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of identifying comprises the step of~~ accessing a web site specified in the unwanted communication.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein ~~the step of identifying comprises the step of~~ exploring a web site specified in the unwanted communication to find a web page that is financially important to the beneficiary.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of identifying comprises the step of~~ performing a pattern match on a text of the unwanted communication.

10-20. (Cancelled).

21. (New) A defense coordinator that obtains an identify request from a recipient of an unwanted communication and that in response identifies a communication channel to a beneficiary of the unwanted communication and that performs a strike back against the beneficiary by sending a communication via the communication channel to the beneficiary.

22. (New) The defense coordinator of claim 21, wherein the communication includes a request that the beneficiary cease further unwanted communications to the recipient.

23. (New) The defense coordinator of claim 21, wherein the communication channel is a money input channel used by the beneficiary to obtain a benefit.

24. (New) The defense coordinator of claim 21, wherein the defense coordinator maintains a set of information pertaining to the beneficiary and determines a set of strike back parameters in response to the information and repeatedly performs the strike back in accordance with the strike back parameters.

25. (New) The defense coordinator of claim 24, wherein the defense coordinator generates a web page that enables the beneficiary to stop the strike back.

26. (New) A distributed strike back system, comprising:
recipient system of an unwanted communication;
defense coordinator that obtains an identify request from the recipient system and that in response determines a set of strike back parameters that identify a communication channel to a beneficiary of the unwanted communication and that sends the strike back parameters to the recipient system such that the recipient system performs a strike back against the beneficiary by sending a communication via the communication channel to the beneficiary.

27. (New) The distributed strike back system of claim 26, wherein the communication includes a request that the beneficiary cease further unwanted communications to the recipient system.

28. (New) The distributed strike back system of claim 26, wherein the communication channel is a money input channel used by the beneficiary to obtain a benefit.

29. (New) The distributed strike back system of claim 26, wherein the defense coordinator maintains a set of information pertaining to the beneficiary and determines the strike back parameters in response to the information such that the strike back parameters specify an intensity of the strike back against the beneficiary.

30. (New) The distributed strike back system of claim 26, wherein the defense coordinator generates a web page that enables the beneficiary to stop the strike back.

31. (New) The distributed strike back system of claim 26, wherein defense coordinator identifies the communication channel by performing a pattern match on a text of the unwanted communication.